

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A telephone call dialing method, for use in an information terminal with an operating system which can display a plurality of windows, comprising ~~the steps of:~~
performing a first operation to:
~~selecting~~select a string of character information in a window displayed by the operating system, and
~~storing~~store the selected string of character information; and
performing a second operation to:
~~extracting~~extract a telephone number from the stored string of character information; and
dial a call ~~dialing to a line~~ based upon the extracted telephone number, ~~to a line~~.
2. (currently amended): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein the selected ~~piece~~string of character information is stored in a common working memory which is shared by the operating system.
3. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein the selected string of character information is one selected by a regional designation, and then stored in a common working memory which is shared by the operating system.

4. (currently amended): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ extracting a telephone number includes deleting information except for that relevant to numerals from the selected string of character information, and the telephone number is extracted from the resulting remainder.

5. (currently amended): A telephone call dialing method, for use in an information terminal with an operating system which can display a plurality of windows, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

displaying a first window;

performing a first operation to:

~~selecting~~select a string of character information in a second window displayed by the operating system, and

~~storing~~store the selected string of character information;

performing a second operation to:

~~extracting~~extract a telephone number from the stored string of character information;

and

~~displaying~~display the extracted telephone number in the first window; and

performing a third operation to:

dial a call to a line ~~dialing~~ based upon the extracted telephone number, ~~to a line~~.

6. (original): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein the first window is displayed overlapped on top of the plurality of windows displayed on the screen.
7. (original): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein the first window is displayed as a tool bar.
8. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein the first window comprises a telephone region with call dialing keys used to designate a telephone call dialing destination, and the telephone call dialing method further comprises the steps of:
 - selecting that one of the call dialing keys in the telephone region,
 - detecting the selected telephone number, and
 - call-dialing based upon the detected telephone number.
9. (previously presented): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein the first window further comprises a call log region where the past telephone call dialing destinations are displayed, and the telephone call dialing method further comprises the steps of:
 - selecting one of the past telephone call dialing destinations displayed in the call log region,
 - detecting the selected telephone number, and
 - call-dialing based upon the detected telephone number.

10. (currently amended): An information terminal, with an operating system which can display a plurality of windows, comprising:

storage means for storing a string of character information selected through a window displayed by the operating system, in response to a first operation performed by a user;

extraction means for extracting a telephone number from the string of character information stored in the storage means, in response to a second operation performed by the user;
and

output means for outputting the extracted telephone number in order to call-dial to a line, in response to the second operation performed by the user.

11. (currently amended): An information terminal, with an operating system which can display a plurality of windows, comprising:

display application means for executing ~~an~~ a first application used to display a first window for assistance in controlling a call dialing operation;

selection means for selecting a string of character information in a second window displayed by the operating system, said second window associated with a second application unrelated to the call dialing operation;

storage means for storing the selected string of character information;

extraction means for extracting a telephone number from the stored string of character information; and

output means for outputting the extracted telephone number in order to call-dial to a line.

12. (currently amended): The information terminal according to claim 10, further comprising call dialing control means for controlling the operation of call dialing to the line, based upon the telephone number output from the output means, in response to the second operation performed by the user to the line.

13. (previously presented): The information terminal according to claim 11, wherein the display application means controls said display to display the extracted telephone number in the first window.

14. (previously presented): The information terminal according to claim 10, wherein the extraction means deletes information except for the one relevant to numerals from the selected string of character information, and extracts a telephone number from the resulting remainder.

15. (previously presented): The information terminal according to claim 11, wherein the display application means controls said display to display the first window which is overlapped on the top of the plurality of windows displayed in the display.

16. (previously presented): The information terminal according to claim 11, wherein the output means adds a given number to the top of the extracted telephone number, and outputs the extracted telephone number with the given number.

17. (currently amended): The information terminal according to claim 11, wherein the display application means attaches a given character string to the extracted telephone number, and controls said display to display the extracted telephone number with the ~~given-number~~ character string.

18. (previously presented): The information terminal according to claim 11, wherein the display application means controls the first window to an inactive state responsive to an inactive signal.

19. (previously presented): The information terminal according to claim 18, wherein the extraction means does not extract the telephone number from the character information responsive to said inactive signal.

20. (previously presented): The information terminal according to claim 11, wherein when the display application means sets the first window to a tool bar display form, the extraction means does not extract the telephone number from the character information.

21. (previously presented): The information terminal according to claim 11, wherein said first window is displayed as a tool bar.

22. (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium, ~~which stores~~ storing a program to be executed by a computer, wherein the program includes:

a procedure for selecting a string of character information in a window displayed by the operating system, and storing the selected string of character information, in response to a first operation performed by a user;

a procedure for extracting a telephone number from the stored string of character information, in response to a second operation performed by the user; and

a procedure for ~~call-dialing~~ a call to a line, based upon the extracted telephone number, ~~to a line~~ in response to the second operation performed by the user.

23. (currently amended): A computer-readable recording medium, ~~which stores~~ storing a program to be executed by a computer, wherein the program includes:

a procedure for displaying a first window which assists a telephone call dialing operation;

a procedure for selecting a string of character information in a second window, which is different from the first window, and storing the selected string of character information, in response to a first operation performed by a user;

a procedure for extracting a telephone number from the stored character information, in response to a second operation performed by the user; and

a procedure of call dialing the extracted telephone number to call-dial to a line, in response to the telephone call dialing operation, as a third operation, performed by the user at the first window.

24. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein said first operation is a designation of a region of the displayed window containing the character information.

25. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein said second operation is pressing one or more buttons of a pointing device.

26. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein said second operation is pressing one or more keys of a keyboard.

27. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 1, wherein said window is associated with an application unrelated to call-dialing.

28. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 27, wherein said application is a word processor.

29. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein said first operation is a designation of a region of the displayed second window containing the character information.

30. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein said second operation is pressing one or more buttons of a pointing device.

31. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein said second operation is pressing one or more keys of a keyboard.

32. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein said third operation includes pressing a button displayed in the first window.

33. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 32, wherein when the extracted telephone number displayed in the first window is an internal number, the pressed button is an extension button.

34. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 32, wherein when the extracted telephone number displayed in the first window is an external number, the pressed button is a line wire button.

35. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein said first window is associated with a first application related to call-dialing.

36. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 5, wherein said second window is associated with a second application unrelated to call-dialing.

37. (new): The telephone call dialing method according to claim 36, wherein said second application is a word processor.

38. (new): The information terminal according to claim 10, wherein said first operation is a designation of a region of the displayed window containing the character information.

39. (new): The information terminal according to claim 10, wherein said second operation is pressing one or more buttons of a pointing device.

40. (new): The information terminal according to claim 10, wherein said second operation is pressing one or more keys of a keyboard.

41. (new): The information terminal according to claim 11, wherein said string of character information is selected by designating a region of the displayed second window containing the character information.

42. (new): The information terminal according to claim 11, wherein said second application is a word processor.

43. (new): The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 23, wherein said first operation is a designation of a region of the displayed second window containing the character information.

44. (new): The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 23, wherein said second operation is pressing one or more buttons of a pointing device.

45. (new): The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 23, wherein said second operation is pressing one or more keys of a keyboard.

46. (new): The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 23, wherein said second window is associated with an application unrelated to the call dialing operation.

47. (new): The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 46, wherein said application is a word processor.